

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method of screening *in vitro* for modulators of RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity, the method comprising the steps of:
  - (i) providing a first sample comprising a rhodopsin G protein coupled receptor and a heterologous Drosophila RDGC phosphatase comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1;
  - (ii) contacting the first sample with a test compound suspected of having the ability to modulate RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity;
  - (iii) providing a second sample comprising a mutant rhodopsin lacking the last 18 amino acids at the cytoplasmic terminus as compared to wild type and a Drosophila RDGC phosphatase comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1;
  - (iv) contacting the second sample with the test compound suspected of having the ability to modulate RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity;
  - (v) detecting Drosophila RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity in the second sample; and
  - (vi) comparing the level of Drosophila RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity in the first sample and the second sample, thereby detecting RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity; thereby detecting modulators of RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity.
2. (cancelled)
3. (cancelled)
4. (cancelled)
5. (previously presented) The method of claim 4 1, wherein the rhodopsin is heterologous.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of detecting comprises a G-protein coupled receptor phosphorylation assay.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of detecting comprises a G-protein coupled receptor mobility assay.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of detecting comprises a G-protein coupled receptor signal transduction assay.

9. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sample comprises a cell.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of a eukaryotic cell, an insect cell, a mammalian cell.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of a *Drosophila* cell or a human cell.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sample comprises a membrane comprising a G-protein coupled receptor.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the sample comprises an aqueous sample or a solid-phase sample.

14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A method of screening a cell for modulators of RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity, the method comprising the steps of:

(i) providing a cell first sample comprising rhodopsin and a heterologous *Drosophila* RDGC phosphatase comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1;

(ii) contacting the first sample with a test compound suspected of having the ability to modulate RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity;

(iii) providing a second sample comprising a mutant rhodopsin lacking the last 18 amino acids at the cytoplasmic terminus as compared to wild type and a *Drosophila* RDGC phosphatase comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1;

(iv) contacting the second sample with the test compound suspected of having the ability to modulate RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity;

(v) detecting *Drosophila* RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity in the second sample; and

(vi) comparing the level of *Drosophila* RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity in the first sample and the second sample, thereby detecting RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity and thereby detecting modulators of RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity.

16. (cancelled)

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the rhodopsin is heterologous.

18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of a eukaryotic cell, a mammalian cell, an insect cell.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the cell is selected from the group consisting of a *Drosophila* cell or a human cell.

21. (cancelled)

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the sample comprises an aqueous sample or a solid-phase sample.

23. (cancelled)

24. (currently amended) A method of screening *in vivo* for modulators of RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity, the method comprising the steps of:

(i) providing ~~an~~ a first animal comprising a cell comprising a rhodopsin G-protein coupled receptor and a heterologous Drosophila RDGC phosphatase comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1;

(ii) contacting the first animal with a test compound suspected of having the ability to modulate RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity;

(iii) providing a second animal comprising a cell ~~a second sample~~ comprising a mutant rhodopsin lacking the last 18 amino acids at the cytoplasmic terminus as compared to wild type and a Drosophila RDGC phosphatase comprising the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1;

(iv) contacting the second ~~sample animal~~ animal with the test compound suspected of having the ability to modulate RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity;

(v) detecting Drosophila RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity in the second ~~sample animal~~; and

(vi) comparing the level of Drosophila RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity in the first ~~sample animal~~ animal and the second ~~sample animal~~ animal, thereby detecting RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity and thereby detecting modulators of RDGC GPCR phosphatase activity.

25. (cancelled)

26. (cancelled)

27. (cancelled)

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the rhodopsin is heterologous.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the step of detecting comprises a G-protein coupled receptor phosphorylation assay.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the step of detecting comprises a G-protein coupled receptor mobility assay.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the animal is selected from the group consisting of an insect and a mammal.

32. (cancelled)

33. (cancelled)

34. (cancelled)

35. (cancelled)

36. (cancelled)

37. (cancelled)

38. (cancelled)